

# Cold War Historic Preservation Program

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# Agenda

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- Historic Program Basics
  - National Historic Preservation Act
  - Cultural Resource Management Plan
- Accomplishments
- Support for the Heritage Foundation, Inc.  
(Independent non-profit organization)
- Ongoing Activities
- Curatorial Activities
- Future Work

# The National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966

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- This law requires that all Federal agencies consider the impacts to historic properties in all their undertakings (800.16(y)).
- Referred to as Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.
- Specific regulations are contained in 36 CFR Part 800 and other regulations.

# NHPA (Continued)

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## **Compliance with NHPA is done in three steps:**

1. Inventory resources – COMPLETE  
(732 facilities, between 1950 – 1989)
2. Evaluate for National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligibility – COMPLETE  
(found 232 to be eligible)
3. Avoid or mitigate effects to historic properties – Ongoing with SHPO and other Consulting Parties.  
(photography, oral histories, written documentation, preservation of artifacts and facilities)

# Cultural Resources Management Plan, (CRMP)

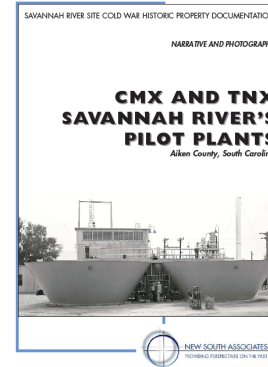
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- Contains mitigation strategies that are appropriate to each historic property's level of significance and integrity;
- Describes the integral role of oral history to an understanding of SRS's past and the need to interview SRS retirees as a part of the preservation process;
- Describes how DOE will nominate eligible properties to the NRHP;
- Identifies key historical documents to be preserved that tell the story of the site layout, its construction and early operational history;
- Contains a process to determine how and where documentation will be archived;
- Contains a series of short term and long term goals for Historical Program Management.

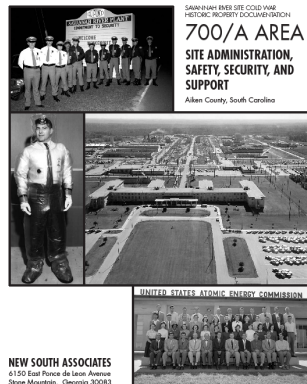
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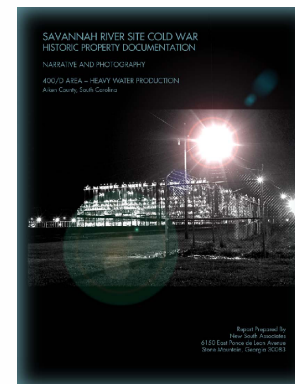
## M-Area Thematic Study



## T-Area Thematic Study

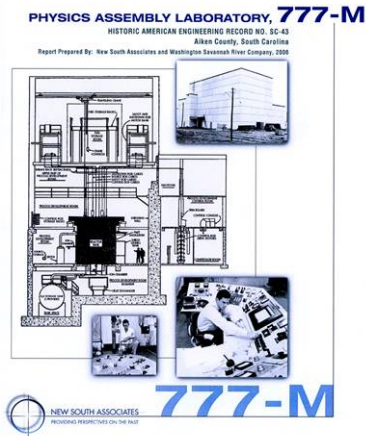


## A-Area Thematic Study

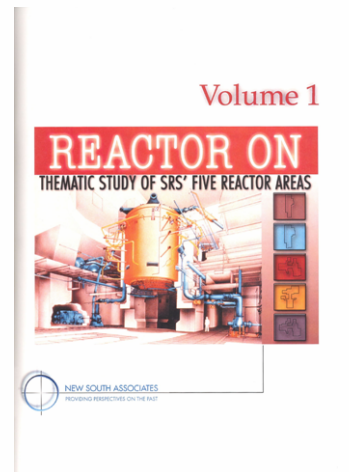


## D-Area Thematic Study

# Accomplishments (cont.)

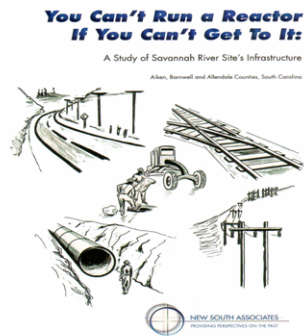


**777-10A HAER Study (*accepted by the U. S. National Archives*)**



**Reactor Thematic Study**

# Accomplishments (cont.)



## Infrastructure Thematic Study

- Tritium Study Files



## Support for the SRS Heritage Foundation, Inc. (Independent non-profit organization)

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- DOE Permission granted to publish “SRS at 50”
- DOE Letter of Intent for Building 742-A
- DOE Letter of Intent for Ellenton Walking Trail
- DOE Letter of Intent for Barricade Adjacent to the Old City of Ellenton, SC

# Ongoing Activities

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- Organize Heritage Tourism Team Meetings  
(SHPO, SRS Heritage Foundation, DOE, SRNS, SC Heritage Tourism Office, Various Museum Curator interfaces)
- Organize Historic Preservation Advisory Team Meeting  
(SHPO, SRS Heritage Foundation, DOE, SRNS, other Site Personnel)
- Approximately 100 Oral Histories have been completed to date

# Ongoing Activities (Cont.)

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- Continue to identify and relocate artifacts; photography and collect drawings
- Approve/Disapprove SRS facility modification requests
- SRS Tours Program, SRS overview, and Site News address Cold War Historic Preservation Program
- Anticipated completion of Revision 1 to the CRMP shortly after C area Disassembly Basin Notification letter is final
- Work continues on the SRS Curation Facility at 315 M

## Ongoing Activities (Cont.)



**315-M  
Curation Facility**

# Curation Facility Modification Progress



# Curatorial Activities

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- Catalog and protect existing artifacts
  - 1800 records in database to-date
  - Records include artifacts, collections of related artifacts, and documentary collections
- Digitized oral histories
- Consolidated historic photographic negatives
- Artifact loan program in place for Aiken County Historical Museum and others

# Future Deliverables

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- Separations Thematic Study (draft in FY12)
- R&D Thematic Study (start draft in FY12)



# Featured Artifact

## Operations Housing Documents

- Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) decision to house employees in the surrounding cities (not a government town)
- Du Pont had responsibility to administer a program to aid employees in locating housing
  - M. H. Smith notes, in an early internal document that Du Pont is “anxious to have the homes build in attractive surroundings and convenient to both the plant and surrounding centers of population.”
- Some programmed housing was also available through the Defense Housing and Community Facilities Law (PL 139) of 1951.





# Plat Book

- This folio contains original and copy plats of subdivisions built in the CSRA
  - Marked in colored pencil to indicate construction and rental status of the units

ABBEVILLE RD. (Hendley-Morris)  
Aiken, S. C.  
Duplex-- 2 Br.  
Sq. ft. area 680  
Lot size 50 x 150  
Appliances: Ref. and Range  
Rent--



CROSLAND PARK  
Aiken, S. C.  
3 BR Single  
Sq. ft. area 1062  
Lot size 80 x 125  
Appliances - Ref., Range, Washing  
Machine



**Photos not from SRS Plat Book.**

# Subdivisions by City or County

## City of Aiken

Crosland Park	1951
Silver Bluff	?
Governor Aiken Park	1951
Colonial Village	1951
Virginia Acres	1951
Forest Heights	1951
Dartmoor Woods	1953

## Allendale

Lawton Acres	1952
Parkwood Terrace	1952

## Blackville

Blackville Gardens	?
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## Aiken County

Lynnhurst Annex	1951
Elmwood Park	?

## Augusta, GA

Richmond Hills	1951
Walker Villa	?
Kendon Park	1950
Forest Hills	1952
Marion Homes	1952
Myrtle Court	?
Golf Court	?
Richmond Apartments	?

## Richmond County

Glendale	1952
Thomas Woods	1952

## Barnwell

Kilkenny Acres	?
Barnwell Heights	1951
Peachtree Gardens	?
Hagood Heights	?

## North Augusta

Green Acres	?
Summerfield	?
Lynnhurst	?
Hammond Hills	?
Washington Homes	?
Savannah Terrace	?
Smithfield	?
Mayfair	?
Belvedere Ridge	?
Fowke Hurst	?
Mealing Heights	?
Lakewood	?

## Williston

Williston Homes	1952
Sherwood Acres	1951
Kenland Homes	1951